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EXPAND FLIGHT TRAINING PROGRAM IN POLAND;  
ESTABLISH NEW RECORDS IN GLIDING

AVIATION LEAGUE TRAINS PILOTS -- Warsaw Skrzydla i Motor, 7 - 14 Mar 50

Registration for initial training in gliding was conducted by the Service for Poland organization in the fall of 1949. During January and February 1950, courses on gliding theory were given in all Aviation League chapters. Practical training will begin in all gliding schools of the Aviation League on 1 April 1950. Each course will last 5 weeks, beginning the first of each month and terminating on the seventh of the following month. The last course will end on 7 October 1950. The number completing the practical training course will be notably increased this year because medical examinations are held before the courses open and because training methods have improved. The number of glider pilots who will enter the Aviation League's Aeroclubs in 1950 will be 64 percent higher than in 1949.

Training in soaring will be conducted in schools for soaring and in the Aviation League's Aeroclubs. Each course will be of 6 weeks' duration, beginning the first of each month and ending on the 14th of the following month. The last course will close on 14 October 1950. Pilots with Grade II training, not over 19 years of age, will be eligible. Winch-tows for take-off on windless days will be introduced to eliminate dependency on winds for training. The Aviation League's Aeroclubs will give training in thermal soaring. Pilots who have 5 hours of thermal soaring or 8 hours of slope sailing will obtain a Grade III pilot's license after passing the necessary examination of theory. The number trained this year in soaring will increase 500 percent over 1949.

Courses in exhibition and advanced flying will be held primarily at the Zar mountain peak. The first course in exhibition flying will begin 1 April 1950. Each course will last one month, with the last course ending 31 October 1950. Candidates for these courses will be picked from among the most prominent pilots in the Aeroclubs. The training, which leads to Grade IV in flying, requires 15 hours of flying with the Aeroclub.

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Training of powered-aircraft pilots will be held in the Aviation Training Center of the Aviation League. Candidates for these courses will be picked from among gliding pilots of the Aviation League's Aeroclubs who have completed the Grade II or Grade III training and are not over 20 years of age. The course will open on 25 April 1950.

Parachute jumping will be taught primarily at the Aviation League's Aeroclubs. Preliminary training and theory will be given this year by some Aviation League Chapters. A number of aeroclubs will have parachute jumping sections and a large number of pilots may obtain training in parachute jumping from aeroplanes.

Training of glider instructors is conducted by the Central School for Gliding Instructors. The present course started 12 December 1949.

**TOP SPEED AND DISTANCE RECORDS -- Bydgoszcz Ilustrowany Kurier Polski, 5 May 50**

Pilot Adam Zietek and Dabrowski, a passenger, taking off from the Zar airfield near Zywiec, established a new world's speed record in gliding, 45 kilometers per hour.

Irene Kempowna and Wantowa, flying a 2 place Zuraw glider, established a new Polish long-distance glider record, 127 kilometers.

Pilot Wielgus, flying a 2 place Zuraw glider, established a new Polish record in homing flight, a distance of 163 kilometers.

**MEDICAL GROUPS TO LEARN PARACHUTING -- Warsaw Skrzydla i Motor, 2 - 9 May 50**

The Medical Chapter of the Aviation League at the Medical Academy in Poznan made the following May Day pledges:

1. To activate a Center for Aviation and Medical Research in Poznan.
2. To give extensive courses to doctors, graduates, and medical students at the center.
3. To train a parachute rescue team, composed of one doctor, two medical students, and three nurses.

**BUILD WIND TUNNEL -- warsaw Skrzydlata Polska, No 10, Oct 49**

The Wawelberg and Torwand Engineering School in Warsaw is building a vertical wind tunnel to be used by the students for research.

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